

[57.] 56. (amended) The probe according to Claim 40 wherein the heat source comprises a laser and an optical fiber for communicating light from the laser to the end of the probe, and wherein the probe includes an outer tube and a transparent capsule enclosing an end of the outer tube with the fiber extending to a position beyond the end of the outer tube into the capsule.

REMARKS:

It was noted that the claims on page 47 were incorrectly numbered as the number 53 was omitted when the claims were numbered. Would you please enter these corrections.

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